



Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (Fulbright TEA) Program Media Literacy Cohorts

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2023 PROGRAM OVERVIEW FOR INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS

Program Overview

The Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (Fulbright TEA) Program Media Literacy Cohort is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The Fulbright program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former United States Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas. Fulbright grants are awarded to students, scholars, teachers and other professionals from the United States and to foreign nationals to study, teach, or conduct research. Since its inception in 1946, more than 390,000 "Fulbrighters" have participated in the Fulbright program.

The 2023 program will mark the twenty-fifth year of the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (formerly the Teaching Excellence Awards program), the fifth year the program will be known as the Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program, and the fourth year to offer the Media Literacy Cohorts.

Teachers are nominated to participate in the Fulbright TEA Program Media Literacy Cohort based on their educational experience, academic training, leadership, and professional experience. Final selection of Fulbright TEA Program Media Literacy Cohort teachers is made by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB). The FFSB is an independent, presidentially appointed board that has oversight responsibility for all Fulbright academic exchange programs.

Program Components

Teachers who are selected to participate in the Fulbright TEA Program Media Literacy Cohort will:

- 1) Take part in advanced tailored graduate-level seminars at a U.S. host university.
- 2) Observe classes, co-teach, and share their expertise with U.S. colleagues in U.S. secondary schools.
- 3) Engage in an online professional learning community with other participants to share best practices and other elements of host and home country educational systems; and
- 4) Take part in other educational and cultural activities while on program in the United States.



Upon returning home, teachers will be expected to share the knowledge and experience gained on the program with teachers and students in their home schools and within their communities.

University Coursework:

Weekly Seminars: Teachers will participate in weekly seminars at their host university featuring presentations and discussions led by university staff, faculty members, and invited educational experts. The Fulbright TEA Program provides academic seminars focusing on new teaching methodologies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and instructional technology training for teachers. The Media Literacy Cohorts will offer additional academic seminars and content-specific coursework with a focus on media literacy, recognizing bias/propaganda, stereotypes, and misinformation; strategies for improving students' critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills; how media literacy promotes civic engagement / the role of media in society; and fostering cyber safety and digital citizenship in the classroom. Please note that the program is designed to accommodate participants with an interest in the topic of media literacy but with minimal experience, as well as those more versed in the field.

U.S. School Placements: The program will also include a practicum of at least 40 hours with a U.S. partner teacher of English, social studies, history, civics, communications, journalism, math, or science in a U.S. secondary school near the host university to actively engage participants in the U.S. classroom environment. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided to participants throughout the program.

Online Professional Learning Community: Each Fulbright teacher will participate in a virtual community with other international educators to collaborate and share best practices about education and leadership in the participating countries.

How to Apply

Country Application deadline:

A paper application is available by contacting: **(insert Post/Commission contact info here)**

The online application is available at: <https://fulbright.irex.org>

Program Dates

Spring 2023

November-December 2022: Pre-Departure Orientation: Prior to arrival in the United States, the U.S. Embassy or Fulbright Commission will conduct a Pre-Departure Orientation for Spring 2023 teachers.

Late January-mid March 2023: Fulbright teachers participate in the program in the United States.

Fall 2023

July-August 2023: Pre-Program Departure Orientation: Prior to arrival in the United States, the U.S. Embassy or Fulbright Commission will conduct a Pre-Departure Orientation for Fall 2023 teachers.

September-late October 2023: Fulbright teachers participate in the program in the United States.

What the Program Covers / Logistical Information

Travel: IREX will make international travel arrangements and provide all teachers with an international airline ticket and a travel allowance to cover the cost of checked bags and incidental expenses. Fulbright teachers will also be reimbursed for round-trip travel expenses between their home city and the point of departure for the United States; however, participants (or U.S. Embassies and Fulbright Commissions) are responsible for making these domestic travel arrangements to and from the international airport.

You must arrive in the United States on the start date of the Fulbright TEA Program and return home at the conclusion of the Fellowship. Any personal travel during the program must be approved by IREX. You may not miss any program activities for personal travel or visits (including, but not limited to, courses, workshops, field experience, cultural and civic activities). You may not travel outside of the United States. If you do plan to travel within the United States, you are responsible for all related expenses and travel arrangements and must seek prior approval from IREX and your host university at least two weeks in advance by completing the U.S. Travel Authorization Form

Housing: Participants will live on or near the host university campus in housing in single rooms arranged for them by the university. Dependents are not permitted to accompany the teachers on the program.

Maintenance Allowances: Each Fulbright teacher will receive a maintenance allowance during the program to cover expenses such as supplies for classes, household items, personal items, and cultural and other activities. Included in this total is a daily stipend to purchase groceries, meals at local restaurants, or food from on-campus dining services.

Fulbright Program Partner Information

For more information, contact the U.S. Embassy or Fulbright Commission in your home country. Contact information is on the program website at www.fulbrightteacherexchanges.org.